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*In re* Application of  
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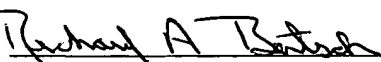
: **DECISION ON**  
: **REQUEST TO**  
: **WITHDRAW**  
: **HOLDING OF**  
**ABANDONMENT**

This application is before the Director of Technology Center 3700 for reconsideration of the Notice of Abandonment mailed February 21, 2002, for failure to respond to the Office Action mailed August 10, 2001. The petition, filed March 11, 2002, requests review of the holding of abandonment and provides supporting documentation that the appropriate response and fees were, in fact, timely mailed to the Office.

A review of the file history indicates that a request for a two month extension of time and a response (a Notice of Appeal and fee) were timely filed on February 20, 2002 (Certificate of Mailing dated January 2, 2002) and have now been associated with the file. Moreover, the Appeal Brief also appears in the file as timely filed (Certificate of Mailing dated March 4, 2002). All appropriate fees have been submitted on time and have been charged to the application.

In view of the above, the Notice of Abandonment mailed February 21, 2002 is in error and is hereby vacated. The holding of abandonment is withdrawn. This application is being forwarded to the examiner for appropriate action not inconsistent with this decision.

Summary: Holding of Abandonment Withdrawn.

  
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